



David A. Ferg

May 30, 1943 - November 18, 2023

David A. Ferg, 80, passed away Saturday, November 18, 2023, in Lake Forest, IL. He was born May 30, 1943, in New London, Wisconsin and was a 1961 graduate of Little Wolf High School in Manawa, Wisconsin. Formerly of Lake Bluff, Illinois he lived in Santa Fe, New Mexico for the past twenty years. He also lived in Marbach Germany, La Canada California, Greensburg Pennsylvania, and Nevis West Indies.

David graduated from Valparaiso University in Indiana with a BS in Electrical Engineering. He was awarded a National Science Foundation Fellowship and received a Master's degree and a PhD in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Arizona, Tucson. After graduation he mentored graduate students at the University of Stuttgart, Institute fur Kernenergetic. He was employed at several different companies including, Westinghouse Nuclear, ASEA-Braun Boveri and Jet Propulsion Laboratories. He retired as the founder and owner of Ferg and Associates, a consulting engineering company.

Having never really left the state of Wisconsin until he went to college, Dave loved to travel. From Asia to the Middle East, South America, the Caribbean, Europe and all over the United States. One of his proudest accomplishments was sailing his boat 'Zingara' from Chicago to Nevis in the British West Indies. A trip of over three thousand miles, which earned him the loving nickname of

'Captain Dave'. He was an avid Bridge player, loved the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Cubs. He was proud to watch his Cubs win it all. Dave loved being outdoors with his family skiing, sailing, hiking, camping, traveling and especially coaching his sons' little league teams. It might be said that his lifelong hobby was the construction and renovation of houses and buildings. Beginning in Lake Bluff, he earned legend status by hand digging a basement under an original 'cottage' and then renovating the house.

Later he converted a stone sheep shed into a multi-purpose structure and renovated a Casita in the historic area of Santa Fe.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Maureen (O'Brien) Ferg; three children, Jennifer, John (Kellie), and Andrew Ferg; sister, Dianne (Tom Navta); his brother Robert (Laurie) Ferg and his loyal island hound Rudi.

Services will be private.

Donations in his name will be welcomed at Nevis Animal Speak, an animal rescue on Nevis (<https://nevisanimalspeak.networkforgood.com/projects/128135-angels-for-animals>). You can also go the website (nevisanimalspeak.org) and the options to donate will pop up or can be found on the Donate drop down menu.

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“ *Dave was a lifelong friend and role model.*

Rest easy Captain.

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